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Honorable Naomi Reice Buchwald
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl St.
New York, NY 10007-1312

Re: Williams v. Equitable Acceptance Corp., 18-cv-7537

Dear Judge Buchwald:

The parties to the above-captioned action write jointly following the December 9 oral argument on defendant Equitable Acceptance Corporation's motion to dismiss. Following discussions before Your Honor relating to potential settlement, and Your Honor's representation that the Court would refrain from issuing a decision on the motion for a short period to facilitate further settlement discussions, the parties have engaged in preliminary settlement discussions. We believe judicial assistance would help facilitate a possible settlement, and respectfully request a referral to a magistrate judge for such a conference.

The parties respectfully request a stay of litigation for 30 days to permit these further settlement discussions, request that the Court continue to hold its decision on the motion to dismiss during that period, and request that the Court schedule a status conference at the conclusion of that period.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A referral
has been
made.

A conference
is scheduled
for February
26, 2020 at
11 am.

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